Name of the prison First name and surname of your Mum Street and number Zip code and city

Write your own name and address on the back. Ask an adult to help you with this.

These are the addresses of women's prisons in Berlin:

- Justizvollzugsanstalt für Frauen Hauptanstalt [main prison]
   Alfredstr. 11
   10365 Berlin
- Justizvollzugsanstalt für Frauen Berlin Teilanstalt Pankow
   Arkonastraße 56
   13189 Berlin
- Justizvollzugsanstalt für Frauen Berlin Teilanstalt Reinickendorf Ollenhauerstraße 128 13403 Berlin
- Justizvollzugsanstalt für Frauen Berlin Teilanstalt Neukölln Neuwedeller Straße 4 12053 Berlin

If you have questions for the JVA, you can also write an e-mail. There is a special address for children:

#### kinderinfo@jvaf.berlin.de



Here you can find some information about the women's prison in Berlin.

https://t1p.de/jvaf-berlin



#### **Books**

There are several books for children and parents about a family member being in prison. The books can be read to you by an adult or you can read them by yourself.



You can find a list by scanning this code with your mobile phone or by entering this internet address.

https://t1p.de/literatur-hinweise



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# INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN OF DETAINED MOTHERS

How you can stay in touch with your mother

**BERLIN** 



#### My mother is in prison

What does that actually mean? Your Mum has done something forbidden and now has to live in a prison for a while. By the way, the German word for prison is *Justizvollzugsanstalt* (*JVA* for short). We call it prison in this flyer.

Your Mum lives in the prison with other women.

She lives in a room there. The room is called the detention room. Most of the time she goes to work. But she also has free time, and she sleeps and eats there. What she can't do: She can't go out to visit you. And she is not allowed to use a mobile phone to send you messages and photos. But she can call you and you can visit her. But there are a few things to keep in mind.

## Visit to the prison

To visit your Mum, an adult must register you. You can come together with an adult and even spend time alone with your Mum in an extra play session. However, this must be arranged in advance.

Unfortunately, you are not allowed to visit your Mum as often as you would like. A visit to the prison is very different from visiting someone at home. You have to wait at the entrance and are not allowed to walk around alone. The people who work there are in uniform. They look a bit like policemen and have lots of keys.

Here you can see what happens during a visit.

https://t1p.de/besuch-imgefaengnis

This is a QR code
You can scan it with your
mobile phone, and it will take
you to the right page on the
internet where you can read
more.



You can also enter the internet address. Ask an adult to help you!

### In the visiting room

In a prison, it doesn't look the same as at home in the living room. Sometimes there are strangers around when you meet with your Mum. Sometimes you don't know exactly what to say. Then it's nice to play a game together. Often there are a few games in the visiting room that you can try out together.

# Lots of questions

For many children it is difficult when Mum is not there. Others in the family also have many worries now. If you don't understand something, it is good if you can ask an adult.

But you can also ask people who are specifically there to answer your questions and know what they are talking about.

The film shows a Dad, but maybe the information will help you anyway.



https://t1p.de/papa-im-gefaengnis



https://t1p.de/juki-online

Here you can find answers to questions that other children have already asked. Maybe yours is one of them?

https://t1p.de/juki-faq





When someone from the family is detained, it is often difficult for the children and adults. Sometimes you need help, that is quite normal. Here you and your family can find support, for example if there are problems with the

flat or with money. https://t1p.de/adressen-kontakte

The Koordinierungsstelle für Kinder von Inhaftierten Berlin (Central Coordination Agency for children of detained persons) offers telephone advice. You are welcome to call there. ☎ 030/21467665

#### To send a letter

When your Mum is in prison, you can't see her very often. But you can do that: You can write a letter. If you can't write yet, maybe an adult can help you. Your Mum will also be happy if you draw a picture!

To send the letter to your Mum, write her name and the address of the prison on the envelope, for example like this:

Name of the prison First name and surname of your Mum Street and number Zip code and city

Write your own name and address on the back. Ask an adult to help you with this